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In re the Application of
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 1 and 2 as set forth in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract filed with the Substitute Abstract attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-16 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A data output controller that is communicably connected, via a network, to a portable terminal that is possessed by a user and that issues a data print request, and a plurality of output terminals that is distributed and installed at various locations to print data, receives a data print request from the portable terminal, and outputs data regarding the data print request to the output terminals, the data output controller comprising: